

In re divisional patent application of 09/802,986 filed on March 12, 2001

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 17-19 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 9-16. No new matter has been added.

It is noted that the claim amendments herein are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention for the Examiner, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for any statutory requirements of patentability.

Further, it is noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

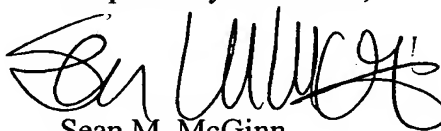
With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/802,986, Applicant hereby incorporates the claim of priority from Japanese Application 2000-069097 filed on March 13, 2000, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to NEC Corporation at Reel 011602, and Frame 0288.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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